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DETECTION OF SNAGS IN TRISHUL MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether snags detected in Trishul Missile have led to putting the surface to air missile programme on back burner;

(b) whether two of the five tests conducted on Trishul Missile has failed;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the sanctions imposed by the US leading to non-delivery of essential spares has led to the failure; and

(e) if so, the extent of set-back suffered by the missile programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Trishul surface to air missile is being progressed as technology demonstrator, de-linking from the user services. While number of complex technologies and sea skimming capability have been established, the missile still needs to be proved for all its capabilities. These technologies will be useful in futuristic missile projects.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.